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COUNTRY East GermanyREPORT NO. TOPIC Finow Airfield25X1X
EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED

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- ☐ 1. The following observations were made at Finow airfield between 24 November and 12 December 1953:

24 to 26 November. Only a few local flights were made by MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s during this period.

27 November to 1 December. No air activity was observed at the field. There was usually fair weather. At noon on 30 November, 44 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s, in addition to the 4 alert aircraft, and 7 Yak-11s were counted on the northern edge of the field. An additional 10 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s and 4 Yak-11s were estimated there.

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1 December. The 4 alert MiG-15s were still observed in the northeastern corner, 4 MiG-15s were parked on the eastern edge of the field near the runway, 37 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s were counted on the northern edge of the field, and additional aircraft were observed there.

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5 December. No air activity was observed at the field. Around noon, 4 MiG-15s of the alert flight, 43 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s and about 10 Yak-11s were counted on the northern edge of the field, and an additional about 10 MiG-15s were parked there.

7 to 12 December. On one of the days during this period around 4 p.m., the four alert aircraft were towed to the northern edge of the field, while 2 MiG-15s were parked on the taxiway just north of the end of the runway. On the following day at 8:30 a.m., the 4 alert aircraft were again observed on their usual dispersal area, while the 2 MiG-15s were not observed. Visibility was poor at 4 p.m.

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[redacted] The noise of running jet engines was repeatedly heard during the daytime.¹

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2. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] a radar set, definitely of Token type, was located 500 meters from kilometer marker 63, about 50 meters north of the edge of the wood. Another radar set was located about 20 meters from the set. The two sets did not rotate on 25 November between 3 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. At 11 a.m. on 27 November, the Token-type set was observed rotating. At 12:30 p.m., the two sets did not rotate. [redacted] the Token-type set was mounted on a superstructure where earth was presumably raised. [redacted] temporary buildings were located near the sets. At 3:45 p.m. on 27 November, a van-like truck, possibly a radio truck, was observed for the first time about 60 meters southeast of the radar sets.² The radar set previously observed on Post Strasse was no longer observed there on 9 December.³

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3. Between 24 November and 12 December, the AA gun emplacement in the southeastern corner of the field was still occupied by 6 x 37-mm AA guns.⁴
4. Soviet dependents wearing civilian clothes have been observed in Finow since around 27 November. It was rumored that about 20 families had arrived there.⁵
5. On 30 November, a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets was posted at the dump in the northeastern corner of the field where a pile of bombs covered with tarpaulins was observed. The other piles of ammunition which had been previously observed were probably located in the newly built sheds.⁶

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7. The following observations were made at the field between 29 November and 13 December: 25X1

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12 December. No observations could be made because of thick fog.

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8. [] an antenna system probably with a telescopic mast, 4 to 8 cm in diameter at the top, on the Kollberg (mountain) near Finowfurth. [] sketch of the antenna.⁸ A radar station was observed from the Finow-Finowfurth road. On 29 November, the device, similar to a steel skeleton structure, was in operation.²

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2. [] Comment. The Token-type radar set was previously reported. [] A Dumko-type radar set, a Kniferest-type radar set, and a Fishnet-type radar set were previously observed in Finow.

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3. [] Comment. The radar set on Post Strasse is believed to be a Kniferest-type set which probably belongs to the division headquarters.

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4. [] Comment. The AA gun emplacement was previously reported several times.

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5. [] Comment. [] previously reported the expected arrival of Soviet dependents and the establishment of a Soviet school. []

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6. [] Comment. The bomb dump was previously reported several times.

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7. [] Comment. []

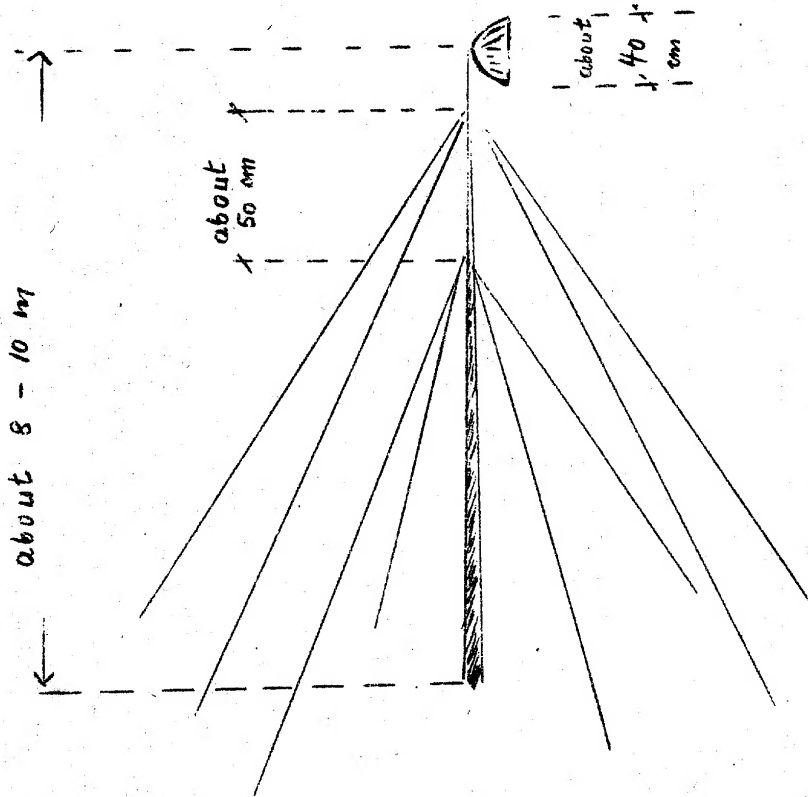
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8. [] Comment. For sketch of antenna system, see Annex. The antenna probably is a decimeter station.

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Antenna System Observed on Rollberg Near Pineworth

The mast is braced by 8 guy wires, each with the thickness of a finger.
 The funnel-shaped reflector, about 40 cm in diameter, is oriented
 to the northeast, i.e., in the opposite direction to the airfield.

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